Subject: Chat with Catalina Saldaña
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9:55 PM **Catalina**: hey
this was a mistake
i wish i was in ny
9:57 PM **me**: you still there?
Catalina: yes
9:58 PM what are you up to tonight
?
9:59 PM **me**: finished chapters, just got some vodka, am thinking of drinking some of it
you're not going to be around on the 13th, are you?
am invited to Onion Christmas party
Catalina: i think i will
10:00 PM i get back on saturday
whatever date that is
me: good, you should come
Catalina: ok
i have a big bottle of wine here i am planning on drinking
usually on these trips i spend a lot of time by myself getting drunk in hotel rooms
10:01 PM **me**: at least you're not at work
Catalina: yeah
me: sexually harassing other girls
like a predator
Catalina: im moving on to women
seriously
i think i hate carl
10:02 PM **me**: yeah, I'm usually the last stop on that train
Catalina: haha
me: so, not enjoying the trip the florida with the married guy, eh?
That's a shame
looooooool
10:03 PM I mean, I'm sorry to hear that
Catalina: yeah well i did some snooping since im on his computer
me: ah
Catalina: i cant help it
i dont trust him
me: this should be good
Catalina: yeah he had some fling with some woman in thailand this past summer

10:04 PM **me**: how did you discover that?
Catalina: emails
me: so, he's cheating on you??!?!!?!?!?!?!
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!!?!?!?!?!
Catalina: yes i shouldnt snoop i know
me: I didn't say that
Catalina: no, hes not cheating on me
me: I see
Catalina: we just cant trust each other
and its sad
10:05 PM and its disgusting that he acts all upset when i go over to your place or larrys and makes me feel guilty about it
10:06 PM **me**: tell him I said hi
Catalina: if he wants to go around and fuck other women i really honestly dont care. its the being lied to that really bothers me
its such a cliche
10:07 PM im not sure if i should tell him when he comes back
me: yeah, you probably shouldn't do that at al
Catalina: why?
me: what with you being stuck in Florida with him for five days
10:08 PM **Catalina**: yeah but im disgusted by him right now
and if he tries to come near me im afraid ill probably punch him
which happens when i drink and am mad at him
10:10 PM **me**: sorry, Chris was talking to me
we're doing screenplays now, I guess
anyway
so this trip is going to go terribly, eh?
10:11 PM **Catalina**: screenplays?
what are you working on/
me: Chris just got signed with this production company with which he's been in talks, says they're looking for more writers
10:12 PM he's already got one finished, I'll do one in a couple weeks
10:13 PM the 13th is monday, will you still be around then?
10:14 PM **Catalina**: yes
screenplay about what
me: I've got a concept that's largely fleshed out for a political comedy
wouldn't take long to write
10:15 PM screenplays are chickenshit
screenwriters are fags, too
they'd die if they had to work in a real format
10:16 PM **Catalina**: well i was not aware

good to know
10:17 PM **me**: well, you probably shouldn't take my word for it, I just look down on them
Catalina: i have to go get a bottle opener
i cant believe they dont have one in the room
terrible
me: raid the mini bar
Catalina: i take your word for everything
10:18 PM **me**: good
Catalina: i should
me: then disregard what i said abot not doing that
Catalina: one time we were out of town and i got drunk and pissed off i broke some picture on the wall
it was kinda funny
kinda crazy though
he paid quite a bit for that
10:19 PM **me**: I bet they charged ten times what the picture was worth
they buy those fucking things in bulk
10:20 PM **Catalina**: it was a picture of jefferson and i am not forn of him anyway
lincoln would have been a totally different matter
me: really?
Catalina: fond
me: why not?
10:21 PM the hypocrisy and whatnot?
10:22 PM oh, also
Jen sent me a wacky angry e-mail
Catalina: yes i guess
but mainly i had to watch that 1776 musical in school
me: ah
wow
Catalina: and i hated jefferson and his stupid violin
10:23 PM **me**: Thomas Paine is the only really good one anyway
Catalina: what did jen have to say/
me: bunch of nonsense
she had sent me an e-mail noting that I'd hurt her feelings
Catalina: i remember that
10:24 PM **me**: I sent her one back explaining that we had broken up a week before
10:26 PM and ecetera
apparently Christopher now wants to buy some crack
to celebrate his screenwriting venture
10:27 PM oh, check this out
Andy actually sold some ad space in the mag
like, thousands of bucks worth

he did something useful

10:28 PM here's what I'd written back to her

Feel free to come by whenever you'd. I've certainly never set out to hurt your feelings, but we had broken up the weekend before and you'd gotten mad at me and left the previous Thursday morning, so I invited a girl to come over on Saturday. Then you asked me to watch your dog that day, and I did, and then you came by to get your dog and hang out, and meanwhile here's this girl who took an hour-long train ride to see me. Clearly you and I were not compatible, we had broken up, you had once again gotten mad and left a few days before and I hadn't heard from you until the next morning when you needed me to watch your dog while you went to Boston, and even previous to that you had objected to the designation "girlfriend." I was under the impression that we were no longer going out, and at the very least not exclusively dating anymore.

notice how civilized and sensible this e-mail is

and then captain crazy fires back with

"you're absolutely right. I have no right to be offended. What you did was completely reasonable and considerate, and a reciprocate of the kindness and caring that I'd shown you. You've done nothing wrong and you're a great guy. Have a nice life."

10:30 PM now Andy's arguing with some chick named, uh, Clydia?

unfortunate name

10:33 PM **Catalina**: im back

and just read that

the name is unfortunate

10:34 PM this is all kind of funny

Jen

and Carl

and all this stupid drama

and Clydias name

why is he arguing with her/ and good for andy

me: I have no idea what's going on

10:35 PM I missed a bunch because I was on the phone to drug dealer and trying to figure out what drugs are needed from Chris

plus Andy's conversation doesn't make any sense

Catalina: so chris is into crack?

10:36 PM **me**: he enjoys coke and crack, yes

Catalina: his conversations never make sense

id like to meet chris

me: yeah, he was getting on my nerves today

more than usual

kept talking to me

and ruining things

some new girl moved in upstairs and his degenerate ass helps her to move some stuff but clearly creeps her out

10:37 PM I had to go tend to the situation

Catalina: haha

thats hilarious

me: if I can get another girl upstairs like I did the Australian I can isolate the other two girls

Catalina: what do you mean/

/

?

me: the ones I confused with each other and who are impatient with my various activities

10:38 PM oh, they're always calling the landlord about some shit

Catalina: the stupid shift key doesnt work properly

oh

me: either the drug operation or noise or something

Catalina: i still cant open this stupid bottle of wine!!!

me: wow

Catalina: im about to break it against a picture

10:39 PM **me**: lol it's the only way

I guess I'll smoke a bunch of crack tonight

and work on next chapter

10:40 PM **Catalina**: got it!

10:41 PM **me**: good job!

jesus, straub's still talking to this chick

meanwhile Miriam has sent me probably 15 messages in three days

10:42 PM **Catalina**: crazy

me: which almost invariably refer to me as "babe"

Catalina: eeeww

10:43 PM gross gross

me: and invited me to a dinner party in the east village

Catalina: sorry.. immature response

yes, youre totally the dinner party kind of guy

me: was it?

yeah, like I'd fucking do that

fucking east village

10:44 PM with god knows what sort of pseudointellectual douchebags

also, a dinner party

Catalina: i know

10:45 PM **me**: CAN I BRING SOMETHING MAYBE A BOTTLE OF WINE OR A DISH JUST LET ME KNOW!!!!!!

faggots and girl faggots

Catalina: yeah, you can totally cook for it, and wear a nice blazer
10:46 PM makes me want to run away from all people
me: I totally took this article I'd already published elsewhere and turned it into the introductory chapter
Catalina: live in the mountains or something
me: and thus I polished 7000 words off the book in half an hour
10:47 PM **Catalina**: i still have to read what you sent me
10:49 PM **me**: the onion party's on monday night in brooklyn, you should call in sick the next day and say you caught something in Florida
Catalina: maybe
10:50 PM ill try not to catch anything
that asshole is sleeping on the fucking floor
me: or say you're busy talking to a lawyer bout a sexual harrassment suit but maybe you'll reconsider if you get Tuesday off
Catalina: or at his mothers place
yeah... ill stay here and he can stay with his mom.
good plan! i like the way i think
me: well done
10:51 PM **Catalina**: ill try to get tuesday off
10:52 PM the thing is im already taking the 18th off
me: also, Vanity Fair wants me to do a piece in which I declare a truce in the alleged War on Christmas on behalf of all atheists
Catalina: are you going to/
me: I'm going to smoke all that crack and write it tonight
Catalina: ?
oh
fuck christmas
me: it will be a farcical truce
Catalina: i absolutely hate it
ok then
10:53 PM the 18th is my birthday
did i tell you that?
10:54 PM i dont like christman or new years or birthdays or celebrating things like that. so forced and sad and empty
10:55 PM **me**: zOmg happy birthday lol
maybe in your family
my family owns christmas
Catalina: good for your family
me: now melvin is here
10:56 PM it's like christmas!
Catalina: oh well you go have fun with the boys
haha

sad christmas
me: he's mad cause someone stole his coat
even though he used to ROB STARBUCKS
Catalina: no i agree with him
its totally different
10:57 PM to steal from starbucks is different than stealing from a person
i like not eating so i get drunk a lot faster
10:58 PM **me**: yes
but
to steal from melvin is different from stealing from a person
10:59 PM **Catalina**: im reading your chapter now
really? how so?
me: he's black
11:00 PM WHITE DOMINANCE PLANETWIIDE
Catalina: hey!
me: Mel wrote that
Catalina: you call him mel?
11:01 PM **me**: on occasion
Catalina: did he really write that?
me: no lo
he agrees with me
11:02 PM I'm going to steal some shit from him right now
wow
he's sitting here
and he just said
Catalina: whats there to steal/
?
me: "Where is my life going?"
11:03 PM **Catalina**: at least hes a male
me: I suppose
11:04 PM damnit
he was leering at the new girl from my window
11:05 PM **Catalina**: gross
11:06 PM **me**: lol
Chris comes in
"Where's the drug dealer?" in his little English accent
"HE'S GETTING DRUGS"
11:07 PM **Catalina**: i agree with chris
its been a while
me: they just came over 15 minutes ago to get the money
Catalina: that lazy asshole better get there if he wants to do business
oh

me: they gotta go to the projects over
Catalina: well he should have had the drugs on him
me: wait
11:08 PM it's this couple from down the street,they're more users than dealers also
Mel is now on the phone
Catalina: you are funny barrett
me: trying to get gay pornroles
he's really into the idea
Catalina: gross
me: Straub made some callls for himtoo
Catalina: i was thinking id watch some porn tonight
me: he needs money
11:09 PM **Catalina**: since im here by myself
me: so he can pay me
Catalina: lots of porn
oh
me: gay porn?
Catalina: then itll be charged to carls room
yes!
good idea
me: I guess you should get some lesbian porn
Catalina: no
i guess it wont show up on the bill anyway
11:10 PM **me**: WHY IS A BLACK MAN TALKING TO A FAGGOT ON MY PHONE
Catalina: so maybe lesbian porn
me: oh wow
Catalina: get your phone back
me: now this girl is coming
this chick straub was talking to
Catalina: to kill him?
me: this is going to devolve very quickly
11:11 PM apparently not
I guess they made up
I've losing track now
11:12 PM **Catalina**: i like how friedman wrote what putin would have written
im gonna adopt that
me: he does that all the time
he writes speeches and letters than clinton or bush should give
Catalina: im just going say and write what i want people to say and write
life will be much simpler
me: exactly

that's what he fucking does
Catalina: hey! another idea
11:13 PM i am going to write what i think carl would write to that lady in thailand
me: lol
Catalina: apparently she has 2 girls
me: "Sorry, that usually doesn't happen"
Catalina: hed probably want to sleep with them
so im gonna tell her so
11:14 PM **me**: was she actually thai?
Catalina: shes phillipino
me: I see
that's a bit too close to mail order bride shit for my tastes
11:15 PM **Catalina**: a few more drinks and i will actually do it
so i better drink fast before he comes back
this will be hilarious

5 minutes

11:21 PM **me**: I totally turned down dope just now
I am a hero

6 minutes

11:28 PM **Catalina**: why?
i was on the phone with my mother
why did you turn down dope
11:29 PM i8 wish i had some
"to shock therapy" really?
i am reading slow cause i keep getting distracted
11:30 PM **me**: cause I'm getting off
11:33 PM i'm not sure what he means by shock therapy
11:35 PM **Catalina**: oh yeah
i really wish i had some now
me: nevermind, I'm getting some dope
11:36 PM **Catalina**: noooo
you stick to what you were going to do
dont get it
me: too late
i'm going to stay up and do half a chapter
11:41 PM still drinking wine and plotting?
Catalina: hes here gotta go
11:42 PM bye
me: adios